

Showers and not so warm to-day and probably tomorrow; light variable winds.

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AGUINALDO FREE, SAYS HE WILL VISIT AMERICA

Expresses Profound Gratitude for the Generous Treatment Accorded to the People of the Philippines.

FIRST CALLS ON GENERAL CHAFFEE

Does Not Fear Vengeance of General Luna's Friends.

INSURGENT LEADER MUCH BROKEN IN HEALTH

Desires to Make a Study of This Government—Believes Era of Prosperity and Happiness Will Soon Follow the Amnesty Proclamation.

MANILA, July 6.—Aguinaldo has been released under the provisions of the amnesty proclamation issued by President Roosevelt on Independence Day. His first visit after his release was to General Chaffee, at the latter's headquarters.

He expressed the gratitude of himself and the Filipinos generally for the generosity of the Americans, and for the consideration shown him during the time he was deprived of his liberty. He announced that henceforward he would be loyal to the Americans.

Aguinaldo in Poor Health.

Aguinaldo appears to be thoroughly subdued. His health is poor. He says he does not fear the vengeance of the friends of General Luna, who, it will be recalled, was assassinated by Aguinaldo's orders. He proposes to live quietly at Cavite until he starts on a visit to the United States.

MOROS IN MINDANAO STILL FURNISH TROUBLE

Build Earthworks and Flaunt War Flags From Their Fortresses.

MANILA, July 6.—There is at present little prospect of a settlement of the troubles with the Moros in Mindanao. The natives there have completed double earthworks in the disturbed region, and are flaunting their war flags from their fortresses.

The sultan of Bacolod is carrying on a successful agitation in the country about Lake Lanao. He has sent an ultimatum to the Americans, ordering them to evacuate, and saying that if the ultimatum is not obeyed he will open hostilities on August 1.

He is also boasting that the soldiers are assassins, who are sheltered by their camp, and who do not dare to venture forth to capture him. Events confirm the growing opinion that the trouble is in a measure due to Colonel Baldwin's hastiness in dealing with the Moros.

Reinforcements have been sent to him. Some of General Luna's subordinates charge that he misappropriated insurgent funds. General Chaffee has permitted him to examine the captured insurgent records to establish his innocence of the charge.

CRAZY DEEDS OF A DRUNKEN GLASS BLOWER

Kills Wife, Fatally Shoots Infant Child, and Wounds Step-Daughter—Fled to Roof.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Crazed with liquor, Theodore Oelzefer, a glass blower, crept into the bedroom where his family were asleep this morning, shot his wife dead, mortally wounded his fourteen-month-old child, and sent a bullet through the shoulder of his step-daughter, Lizzie Stamm.

Turning to the dining-room he fired two shots at his little stepsons, but both bullets went wide of their mark. Oelzefer then fortified himself on the roof, where he was captured by the police soon after and locked up.

TIMES NEWSBOYS BAND CALL.

Members of the Times News-boys Band will report at The Times office Monday evening, July 7, at 6:30 p. m., in uniform. Important.
G. M. WHITE, Director.

MAJOR GARDNER ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Unable to Answer Questions to His Advantage.

Admits Captain Ryan Was Not Informed of an Investigation—Victims Retract Many Charges.

MANILA, July 6.—Judge Rhode, who investigated the condition in the pacified province of Mindanao, and whose report of Captain Ryan's arbitrary arrest of dozens of officials and citizens, some of whom were subjected to the water-cure, led to Captain Ryan's court-martial, was cross-examined by Major Glenn yesterday.

He admitted that he did not inform Captain Ryan when he was making his investigation. He said that many of the statements on which his report were based were merely hearsay, but he refused to divulge the names of his informants.

Investigation Moves Slowly.

Part of the testimony regarding torturing has been contradicted recently by the victims themselves, they having been summoned as witnesses. The investigation into the charges made by Major Gardner, governor of Tayabas province, against officers and soldiers stationed there, continues to drag along slowly.

The board that is investigating the charges has formally demanded that Major Gardner produce witnesses in support of his charge that the higher military officers were hostile to the civil administration.

On Verge of Collapse.

The defense promised to make answer to this demand later. The recorder demanded an explanation of the accusation made by the defense that he was influencing witnesses. Major Gardner admitted that the accusation could not be proved. Major Gardner is so near the verge of collapse that he is unable to answer simple questions to his own advantage.

French Scent Trouble.

General Corronat to Start for Indo-China.

PARIS, July 6.—It has been decided to recall General Dodds, commander of the French forces in Indo-China, and to place a younger and more energetic officer in command there.

A Fatal Accident TO BOATING PARTY

Wife and Child of Capt. T. N. Horn, U. S. A., Drowned.

NEW YORK, July 6.—The wife and child of Capt. T. N. Horn, U. S. A., commanding the Ninety-fifth Company Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, and Miss Alice McMahon, a visitor at the post, were drowned today by the sinking of a catboat sailed by Captain Horn. The accident happened about noon, when Sandy Hook Bay is joined by the Horseshoe, near Camp Law, where the Sandy Hook boats used to connect with the trains to the summer resorts along the coast.

Captain Horn, with a party numbering eight, left the Government wharf this forenoon about 11 o'clock. With him were his wife and three children. Dr. Waterhouse, a post surgeon; Mrs. Waterhouse and her sister, Miss McMahon, of Nyack. The wind was light, but gradually increased in force and came in puffs from the east.

Sudden Puff of Wind.

While cruising around a sudden puff struck the twenty-foot boat, swinging the boom, which was on the starboard side, over to port, where all the party were sitting. The boat began to fill at once, and all hands were spilled into the water.

Five of the party were rescued, but Mrs. Horn, her child, Frances, a girl of about seven years, and Miss McMahon, were drowned before help could reach them.

Walter Tubbs and W. B. Tubbs picked up Mrs. Waterhouse. The others were rescued by Capt. G. Hartung in the launch Edna May, of Newark, N. J.

The five survivors were brought to Atlantic Highlands, the nearest place, and after being supplied with dry clothing, took the first train for Highland Beach, where the Government train had been sent to meet them. The bodies were dragged for all the afternoon without success.

GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CATTLE COUNTRY

Graf Von Waldersee in Texas to Investigate Feasibility of Direct Shipments From Ranches.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 6.—Graf von Waldersee, a relative of Field Marshal von Waldersee, of Germany, is making a trip through the cattle raising country of West Texas for the purpose of investigating the character of animals and the quantity of supply with a view of inaugurating direct shipments of beef cattle from the ranches to Germany.

He is accompanied on the trip by Herr von Alderlwiess, of Hamburg.

HEIR TO \$6,000,000.

Young Ohio Furniture Store Clerk the Fortunate One.

FINDLAY, Ohio, July 6.—Thomas Walters, a delivery clerk in a furniture store, has received word from San Francisco attorneys that he is heir to the greater part of the \$6,000,000 estate left by Christian Westenhaver, of San Francisco.

Walters' mother, who lived in Circleville, until her death two years ago, was a niece of Westenhaver, who left this vicinity forty years ago to go West and make his fortune. Walters is married and has two children. He has been getting \$9 a week.

COMING TO AMERICA.

Boer Generals Expected to Raise Funds in This Country.

LONDON, July 7.—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says that in an interview General Botha stated that he was going to Europe, England, and America with Generals De Wet and Delarey to collect funds in behalf of the Boers, who were ruined by the war, and widows, orphans, and cripples.

He added that he was arranging for the publication of an official history of the war from the Boer side, written by himself, General De Wet and others.

KITCHENER ON WAY HOME.

Stops at Las Palmas and Hears of King's Illness.

LAS PALMAS, July 6.—General Kitchener and General French, who are returning to England from South Africa, arrived here at sunset this evening. Both are in good health.

They were struck with consternation when they learned of the King's illness and the postponement of the coronation. The naval and military governors boarded the transport and welcomed them.

General Kitchener did not come ashore. Other officers on the transport described the Transvaal as a splendid country. Many of them will return there.

KING CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

May Soon Be Removed Aboard the Royal Yacht.

LONDON, July 6.—It is announced this evening from Buckingham Palace that the King is going on very well. It is all satisfactory he will be removed to the royal yacht Victoria and Albert at Portsmouth at the end of the month.

PARLIAMENT TO REASSEMBLE SHORTLY

Discredited Agitation Engineered by Powerful Faction Squelched by Refusal to Suspend Constitution.

CAPE TOWN, July 6.—Parliament will reassemble shortly. It is considered that the refusal to suspend the constitution squelches a most discreditable agitation that was engineered by a powerful faction.

Mr. Sauer, speaking on behalf of the Afrikaner Bond, declared a genuine desire to bury all differences and co-operate in repairing the ravages of the war.

MRS. BOTT TO GET FAMOUS "RED STRAD"

Seven Thousand Dollar Violin to Be Restored Today.

NEW YORK, July 6.—After eight years of wandering, the famous \$7,000 "red Stradivarius" violin will tomorrow be restored to the widow of its owner, Joseph Jean Bott, from whom it was stolen on the afternoon of March 31, 1894. The restoration will be accompanied by the dismissal of the indictment against Victor S. Flechter, an instrument dealer, who was once convicted of the theft, but to whom the Appellate Division granted a new trial, which is now pending.

This will end one of the most dramatic cases that has ever come within the ken of the police, who were engaged for years in the effort to solve its mysteries—mysteries that were fraught with sensational incidents and that led, indirectly at least, to the death of the man from whom the historic instrument was stolen.

Mrs. Bott is now living with a friend at 374 West Thirty-first Street. When she regains possession of the violin she will return to Hanover, Germany, where she has made her home since her husband's death.

Belonged to His Instructor.

Mr. Bott was a music teacher who had gained celebrity in Europe before he came to this city, where he had many pupils. While in Germany he obtained the violin at a sale of the effects of his instructor, Professor Hausmann, then dead, for \$2,000. When he brought it here it was coveted by numerous dealers and collectors, but he was loath to part with it, for sentimental reasons.

Mr. Flechter, among others, made flattering offers for the instrument. At one time Professor Bott was about to yield to a tender of \$5,000, made by the husband of Adeline Patti, Signor Nicolini, but decided when he learned that the payment was to be made by check on the eve of Nicolini's departure for Europe.

This was early in 1894. Less than a month later the violin was stolen from the Bott apartments, in West Thirty-fifth Street. At the time both Professor and Mrs. Bott were absent, and the fact that money and jewels that lay in plain sight on a bureau were not touched was regarded as proof that the thief was aware of the value attached to the instrument. More than a year later Mrs. Bott accused Mr. Flechter of the theft, and then began the litigation whose termination will take place tomorrow. Flechter was indicted on August 26, 1895, and again in March 1, 1896, and on April 20 of the latter year was convicted.

While the case was on appeal the "red Strad" was found, on August 17, 1900, under an old sofa in a little shop conducted by Mrs. Leon Springer, a dealer in musical instruments.

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RAGING FLOOD SWEEPS OVER WESTERN NEW YORK

POSTAL DOWN TO WORK.

Formally Opens Pennsylvania Offices in Big Cities.

PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—The Postal Telegraph Company today formally opened offices in Pennsylvania Railroad stations at Jersey City, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania Railroad officials expect that the Western Union Company will have vacated its offices by August 1 and that by that date the Postal Company will have full possession.

VATICAN RELEASES PIGEONS.

Each Carries Announcement of the Papal Jubilee.

ROME, July 6.—A large number of pigeons that had been sent to the Vatican from the chief towns of Italy were released today. Each carried a message containing the date of the papal jubilee and announcing that the celebration had occurred.

The Pope displayed great interest in the releasing of the birds. He looked to be in good health. His physicians find that he has improved in health and spirits during the past year.

STRIKE LEADER NOW IN NEW YORK

Mitchell Denies That He Is to Confer With Coal Operators.

FALSE RUMORS CHEER STRIKERS

Preparations for Resuming Work Going On Apace.

CREWS TO REPORT TODAY

President Nichols Asserts That Agents of Companies Are Offering Advanced Wages to Induce Men to Go Back—Situation Considered Satisfactory.

NEW YORK, July 6.—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, came to town from Wilkes-Barre tonight. It was supposed that he came seeking a conference with the coal operators, but he said he did not. Mr. Mitchell said tonight:

"I have come here solely on private business. I want to see some friends off to Europe, and have come for that purpose only. I have no idea of seeking a conference with the coal operators."

President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, said that no conference with Mitchell had been arranged by the officials of the coal carrying roads. There had been no change in the strike situation, he said.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 6.—President Mitchell left very quietly at noon today for New York city. It was not known that he had gone until this evening, and it is impossible to learn the cause of his departure. He left orders that the greatest secrecy must be maintained, but there was a rumor that he has gone to Washington, or to Philadelphia, there to confer with Senators Quay or Penrose, who, it is stated, are taking an interest in the strike from political motives.

At the headquarters the district presidents said they did not know where he had gone or what his object was, nor could they tell when he would return.

Preparations for resuming work go on apace. Tomorrow morning some of the Lehigh Valley Railroad coal crews, who were laid off at the beginning of the strike, will report under orders for work, and it is understood they are to move empty coal cars from the railroad yards to sidings near some of the breakers, where they can readily be had in case work is resumed.

Offering Advanced Wages.

President Nichols today asserted that the companies had agents out among the men trying to induce them to return to work at advanced wages, but meeting with poor success.

This the operators deny, and assert that men are applying for work daily and are being placed on the waiting lists. The lifting of the restricting order of the Clearfield soft coal district makes it more apparent the new plan to be proposed at the national convention, that the delegates shall not declare a national strike, but shall give financial assistance to the strikers to keep them until the first of October.

A More Opportune Time.

In this way there will be no breaking of the soft coal contracts, and the strikers believe the time for making an aggressive fight will be more opportune in the fall than it is now.

A conference of President Mitchell

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Rivers, Creeks and Lakes Overflow Bounds and Carry Away Houses in Rushing Torrent.

BURIED ALIVE.

Student of Occult Sciences Gives a Sunday Show.

READING, Pa., July 6.—Prof. W. W. Krets, president of a local society for the study of occult sciences, began a novel Sunday amusement season here today.

This morning he put himself under hypnotic influence and at 9 o'clock was ready to be buried alive. He was placed in a pine coffin, lowered into a hole 5 feet deep and covered with earth to the surface. A tube supplied air.

After being buried all day a big crowd paid 10 cents each to enter the Fair Grounds to see the professor taken out. At 6 p. m., when dug up, he was still rigid and unconscious.

He says he will give the same show at Pottsville next Sunday with the same coffin.

MANY FARMS ARE LAID WASTE

Entire Cities, Towns, and Villages Now Under Water.

LOSS NEARLY \$2,000,000

Washouts on All Railroads and Traffic Suspended—Three Cloudbursts Do Damage—One Life Lost—Hundreds of Dead Cattle and Fowls.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 6.—Half the cities and villages of Western New York have stories of flood to tell today. It had rained every day for a week, but the rivers and creeks held their own until midnight on Saturday, when there was a tremendous downpour, which gorged the streams and gullies.

The Genesee and its tributaries and the Cattaraugus and Tonawanda Creeks, which drain a great territory, have risen higher than their waters had gone since the week of the Jobstown flood.

The towns among the hills at the headwaters of Cattaraugus Creek suffered most severely. At Arcade the flood carried six houses down stream. Miss Minnie Loper, who kept a bakery, was drowned in her home.

Body Found in a Tree.

Her body was found this afternoon in a willow tree a mile below the village. Her neighbor, Dr. Henry Sharp, heard the sound of rushing water at 3 o'clock in the morning and rushed out his front door not realizing that the house had been carried from its foundation. He escaped by swimming.

In Portage all the houses in the lower part of the town were abandoned by their tenants and all about the farms have been laid waste.

The village of Pike stood itself under four feet of water at daybreak. Much damage was done in Hume and the village of Wiscoy might as well be off the map for all that is left of it. The damage in Pike is put at \$500,000.

The Tonawanda creek rose fifteen feet at Batavia. When the sheriff of Genesee county received word that the Attica Water Company's reservoir had broken he drove to all the imperiled houses to escape. Then he hurried to Batavia, where he had plenty to do, for the water had already crept into the jail. Sheriff Hixley took the prisoners up stairs.

Villages Deluged.

The villages of Alexander and Rushville, near Batavia, were deluged. Two-thirds of Hornellsville was under water at 5 o'clock in the morning, and no trains moved out of Hornellsville today. On the New York Central Railroad between Middleport and Medina there is a washout two miles long, with a freight train derailed at one end of it. It would be impossible to estimate the number of washouts, but they have been so numerous that traffic is almost suspended in Cattaraugus, Wyoming and Genesee counties.

A dozen iron bridges have been washed away, and there are few wooden bridges left. The small millwheels have, for the most part, been put out of business, their mills being broken up and washed down stream or else dislodged from their foundations.

Bridges Swept Away.

Chautauque county reports the loss of eleven bridges, and an immense damage to crops. In the vicinity of this city the farmers have suffered greatly. The downpour was so fierce that Lake Como, near Lancaster, overflowed and the fields thereabouts are covered with mud.

Most of the streams in Erie county empty in Buffalo River, and as a result there was a severe flood in South Buffalo. The streams bring down hundreds of dead cattle and fowls and cords of wreckage. The damage probably amounts to more than \$2,000,000.

SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR BEATING HIS WAY

Was on His Road to Wyoming, Where His Mother Is Lying Dangerously Ill.

BALTIMORE, July 6.—While trying to "beat" his way on the railroad to Wyoming, where his mother lives, Robert E. Whilden, one of Uncle Sam's soldiers, was arrested today by Special Officer Talbot, of the Northern Central Railroad, upon the charge of riding unauthorized on the cars.

Later he was fined \$10 and costs at the Central police station.

In default of payment he went to jail. When arraigned before the justice the soldier was dressed in his uniform of khaki and in his hand he carried a rough rider hat. He produced his furlough to prove that he was not a deserter, and also the letter by which he was informed that his mother was dangerously ill. Whilden is a member of Company I, Third Battalion, United States Engineer Corps, and is stationed at Washington.